

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-44 were rejected. Claims 1-44 are canceled with this Amendment, and claims 45-79 are added. Accordingly, claims 45-79 are at issue in the above-identified application.

I. 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 12-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of those claims.

Applicants respectfully note that new claims 45-79 satisfy the requirements for statutory subject matter eligibility. *In re Alapat*, 33 F.3d 1526, 31 USPQ2d 1545 (Fed. Cir. 1994). *In re Lowry*, 32 F.3d 1579, 32 USPQ2d 1031 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

II. 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Young* et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,280,575, hereinafter “*Young*”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with respect to new claims 45-79. The rejection of claims 1-44 is moot in view of their cancellation.

Regarding claim 45, *Young* fails to teach or suggest, for example, a spreadsheet file stored on said computer-readable medium, said spreadsheet file including information resident in a record-based storage medium used by said application program and including a property record storing attributes of the spreadsheet file; at least one cell data record storing cell data from a plurality of spreadsheet file cells; and at least one grid record storing access data describing the location of spreadsheet file cell data in the cell data record. Regarding claims 60 and 70, *Young* fails to teach or suggest, for example, determining whether cell data location information for a selected spreadsheet file cell is contained in a first grid record; if the cell data location information is contained in the first grid record, determining the cell data location information from the first grid record; determining the location of cell data corresponding to the spreadsheet

file cell in a cell data record based on the cell data location information; and extracting the cell data from the cell data record.

For at least the reasons stated above, Applicants submit that claims 45, 60, and 70 are patentable over *Young*. As claims 46-59, 61-69, and 71-79 depend from claims 45, 60, and 70 respectively, the Applicants submit they are patentable as well for at least the same reasons.

II CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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